



Executive Officer's Statement

December 14, 2006

Special Thanks to State Controller

As State Controller, Steve Westly has served on the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB) since his election in 2002. With a new Controller coming into office in January, the VCGCB is saying farewell to an active Board member who has shown strong support for our efforts to provide effective service to victims. We appreciate the close working relationship that we've developed with his office, especially his efforts to make our transition to new technology work smoothly with the processes in place in the Controller's Office. We extend a special thank you to him and wish him well in the future. We would also like to acknowledge Windie Scott who has represented Mr. Westly on the Board. She has served the Board well and we are very appreciative of her service as the Controller's representative on the Board.

The Board is Relocating January 5 !

The VCGCB will move to 400 R Street early in January, starting off the New Year with all of the benefits that have made relocation a priority project. The advantages include a modern facility, a safer neighborhood, a consolidated work space on one and a half floors, and a large, easily accessible, public meeting room. In addition, the move has provided an opportunity for the VCGCB to upgrade its telecommunications infrastructure and take advantage of new technology to enhance customer service. The new telephone system includes sophisticated software to help the VCGCB's Customer Service Center respond to callers more efficiently. Staff is looking forward to working in the enhanced professional setting that the new building and infrastructure promise to provide.

New Deputy Executive Officer

Frances Chacon has joined the VCGCB as the new Deputy Executive Officer in charge of Legislation and Public Affairs. Ms. Chacon comes to us from the State Legislature where she served as a committee consultant to the Assembly Transportation Committee and Assembly Local Government Committee. Over a seven-year period, she advised five different chairpersons on wide ranging issues, including Goods Movement, Air Quality, Bicycle Safety and Infrastructure, Rules of the Road, Special Districts, Parcel Taxes, Conflict of Interest Laws, and Military Base Reuse. We are very excited to have Ms. Chacon on board.

VCGCB Updates

- Policy and Training staff provided training for advocates in Santa Barbara, Ventura, and San Luis Obispo Counties in November.
- VCGCB staff participated in a meeting of the Attorney General's Task Force on Human Trafficking and gave a presentation on the benefits that may be available to victims of human trafficking through our Victim Compensation Program.
- The quarterly Victim Compensation Advisory Committee meeting on December 6 featured a presentation from the Attorney General's Office on working with victims in capital punishment cases.

- Staff participated in a meeting of the California Coalition for Children's Internet Safety to assess the success of the Cyber Safety Summit sponsored by the Department of Consumer Affairs in October. The coalition will continue to work on strategy and events for the future.